

Table 7  
**ASSAULT CRIMES, 2001-2006**  
 By Type of Assault and Type of Weapon Used

Type of assault and weapon used	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005 <sup>a</sup>		2006		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	2001- 2006	2005- 2006
Total.....	385,919		387,053		387,033		378,502		368,037		373,265		-3.3	1.4
Aggravated assault.....	135,128	100.0	130,615	100.0	128,674	100.0	123,867	100.0	114,321	100.0	111,471	100.0	-17.5	-2.5
Firearm.....	21,545	15.9	22,916	17.5	22,311	17.3	22,237	18.0	23,266	20.4	23,504	21.1	9.1	1.0
Knife or cutting instrument.....	18,295	13.5	17,983	13.8	18,065	14.0	18,608	15.0	18,677	16.3	18,209	16.3	-0.5	-2.5
Other dangerous weapon.....	44,028	32.6	42,845	32.8	42,699	33.2	41,699	33.7	41,761	36.5	40,465	36.3	-8.1	-3.1
Personal weapon.....	51,260	37.9	46,871	35.9	45,599	35.4	41,323	33.4	30,617	26.8	29,293	26.3	-42.9	-4.3
Non-aggravated assault..... <sup>2</sup>	250,791		256,438		258,359		254,635		253,716		261,794		4.4	3.2

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Prior to 2005, the Los Angeles Police Department had included child abuse and domestic violence simple assaults in their aggravated assault statistics. This change may have contributed to the large decrease in

aggravated assaults from 2004 to 2005.

<sup>1</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Assaults which do not involve the use of a firearm, knife, cutting instrument, or other dangerous weapon and in which there are no serious or aggravated injuries to the victims. Non-aggravated (simple) assaults are not included in the violent crime count. This category is shown here as a means of quality control and for the purpose of looking at total assault violence.